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Letter to Rebecca Morse

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Worthington 28th of July 1825

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Dear Daughter Rebecca

On my return from a most fatiguing tour in the woods of Rockock County your kind letter of June 20th was shown me. Your kindness, sweetness of temper, and patience manifested in all your trials, joined to your partiality for us your unworthy parents in Worthington affect me very deeply. It needed not, however, your letter to make me think of you and pray for you all. My mind's eye was full of the very affecting scenes lately passed through, under your Father's roof. I saw your dear & very interesting brother Bezaleel taken from you. I saw yours and your parents' grief and I saw the very feeble health of your loved Father. And had I seen and been conscious of nothing else beside these scenes of human woe my love for you would have compelled me to sympathize with you beyond measure.

But I knew that you knew in whom you
had believed even in "One who has spoken
in righteousness mighty to save", and though
he now sows in tears yet shall Doubtless
come again with joy and bring his sheaves
with him." - The sure and certain hope of
a resurrection unto eternal life, which the
faithful have overcomes all evils inci-
dent to this perishing state; it extracts the
sting of death and deprives the grave of
his dominion. And I am most happy to see
by your letter that this hope is your conso-
lation. Blessed be God that while as a Fa-
ther he has smitten you, he hath given
& still gives you grace to bear his chastisement
with resignation. Cherish this grace Dear Rebe-
ca, I beseech you. You will find in it a panacea
a "heal-all" to human sorrow.

I hope by this time your dear Father has returned
from his tour and that its effects are salutary. Dr. Lippin
said he saw him at Niagara Falls & that he was so
good as to remember me.
I rejoice to learn that my dear grand daughter is

well. Pray make her some how acquainted with me
so that when I see her she may not altogether shun me.
— On my return last Saturday I found Henry my
dear little son had been very sick: even now he
can scarcely move himself. — Thank God there is
good hope of his recovery.

The family is now increasing fast; and if our
facilities of procuring Wells (in bible language
Servants) do not also increase we must soon
stop the door to all future engagements.

Do you — can you believe it we
have not a servant in the house.
My poor dear angel wife with
her good sister has to do all, for 10 or 20
persons.

I must soon set off again on my mission
ary work I think it will be towards the
North. I can not say when I shall be at Steu-
benville: I think however it will be on my return
from Ashtabula & Boardman. Hence I will try to send word
that Sharon whom I love & esteem more & more
with Mr. M. Miller another excellent teacher will
conduct the school in my absence.
Pray mention me kindly to your loved Mother and all
the family. Ever your loving Father P. Chase

Washington 1 Aug.

Mrs Rebecca Chase

Lebanville

Jefferson County

Miss